Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—(a) The Proclamation was issued with a view to give some temporary relief to agriculturist-debtors who were not able immediately to pay moneys due under decrees of courts against them.

(b) If by 'Government's machinery of relief' the Honourable Member refers to the Land Mortgage Bank, the institution began to sanction loans a few months after the expiry of the Proclamation.

(c) No.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—Was there any relief to the agriculturists by the moratorium?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—The idea of the Proclamation was to suspend payment until the time when a suitable machinery would be organised to issue loans to the debtors, who can take advantage of such loans to repay their creditors.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—Why was not the moratorium extended till the period when the Government carried into effect the proposed measure of relief?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—It was sufficiently extended.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Was it not incumbent on the part of the Government to see that this concession should continue for sometime till the Land Mortgage Bank began to distribute loans? That is what we want to know.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—Government thought otherwise.

Extension of the period of Moratorium — resolution regarding.

33. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Will the Government state the steps they have taken on Resolution 21 of this Honourable House, dated 14th February 1936, regarding the extension of the period of the Moratorium?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—The resolution was withdrawn by leave of the House.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Has not this resolution asking for the continuance of the moratorium clearly indicated in this House the firm demand of the non-official

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majority for the extension of the moratorium? Was not the resolution in this House withdrawn on the express understanding that reasonable palliative measures would be introduced?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—No, far from it. During the discussion on this resolution, the disabilities of judgment-debtors were alluded to by some of the Hon'ble Members, and the manner in which the instructions contained in the Chief Court Circular (II of 1109) were carried out came in for some criticism then. It was suggested on behalf of Government that a transcript of the discussion in the House on this point might be forwarded to the Chief Court for their information. The resolution was then with drawn. The representations in this House were since brought to the notice of the Judges and a fresh Circular (I of 1112) has been issued explaining the position.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—It is far less than a moratorium. During the discussion of this particular motion, the Government have noted that a majority of non-officials were unanimous on this demand. Do the Government admit that fact?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—No,

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*— Was not a similar motion repeated, Sir, during the last Budget Session for the continuation of the moratorium?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—I do not remember.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Am I to understand that the Leader of the House is too short of memory?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—Some times it becomes short when it is too much taxed.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—In a burning question like this, if the Hon'ble Member's memory is short, it is very sad.

Extension of Agricultural Moratorium—Memorial regarding.

34. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** *(Cranganur).*—Will the Government state what steps they have taken on the Memorial presented to them by the non-official majority of this Honourable

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